checkposts and intensification of combing and cordoning off operations against terrorists.

Hartal in the valley

2952. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many times call for "hartal" in the valley as given by the 'All Party Hurriat Conference' or one militant outfit or the other, during the last three months (May, June and July, 1994); and

(b) what was the ground/reason given for such 'hartals/strikes'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) As per information made available by the State Government call for hartal was given by APHC or other militant outfits 20 times during May, June and July, 1994. Generally the calls were given with reference to alleged excesses by the security forces; and sometimes on other specific issues for example the assassination of Dr. Qasi Nissar.

Prosecution of militants in connection with Hazratbal incident

2953. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of militants surrendered and arrested when the Hazratbal incident of October/ November, 1993 ended;

(b) under what provisions of law these militants were booked and are being prosecuted;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of those surrendered are now not traceable and have not reported to the investigating agencies or the courts; and

(d) by when the trial of the 'traceable' militants is likely to begin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) As per information made available by the Government of J & K, 62 persons came out of the Hazrat Bal Shrine and surrendered before the security forces on 16.11.1993. After initial screening, 35 persons were released on 18.11.93. Action as per law was initiated against the remaining persons. Two persons were convicted and awarded punishment by the Court for the period they had remained in custody. The others are on bail in pursuance of orders of the competent Court. Cases under TADA stand registered against them. There are no reports of any persons out of these being untraceable. No specific time can be indicated about commencement of the trial.

National Police Commission

2954. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFARIS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have forwarded the recommendations contained in the Reports of the National Police Commission (NPC) to the State Governments and has asked them to consider the Commission's recommendations and take an appropriate action;

(b) if so, what are the details of instructions or guidelines sent by the Government to the State Governments in this regard;

(c) whether Government have received any report from the State Governments about the action taken by them on the recommendation of the National Police Commission;

(d) if so, what are the details of the reports received from each State Government; and

(e) what action Central Government have taken on NPC reports and to what extent Government have accepted the recommendations of the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (e) All the 8 reports of the National Police Commission were studied in detail both by the Central Government and the State Governments. 'Police' being a State subject, the implementation of the recommendations concerning the State Governments primarily vest with them.

A few areas in these reports which concern the Central Governments have also been identified and action/decisions on most of such recommendations taken to the extent possible.

Nexus with golden triangle

2955. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which published in the 'Indian Express', of 24th-25th July, 1994 on front page titled as "Near the golden Triangle, a vicious circle";

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether it is a fact that recent BSF report to the Home Ministry has informed that the drug cartels of Medellin and Cali in Colambia have established a nexus with Golden Triangle drug lords Myanmar insurgent Chief and Indian insurgent leaders for trafficking drugs to western countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India and Myanmar have signed an Agreement for reducing demand and prevent illicit trafficking in narco-drugs and psychotropic substances and related matters in March, 1993. Further both the countries have also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on cooperation between civilian border authorities of the two countries. Under the MOU the two countries have agreed to take all necessary measures to maintain peace and tranquility all along the border and to strengthen mutual cooperation in curbing negative activities including drug trafficking.

(c) No. Sir.

Atrocities against SCs/STs and women

2956. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of incidents of atrocities against scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and backward classes and women including killings, rapes and parading naked that have come to Government's notice during the past six months;

(b) how do they compare with such incidents for the preceding two spans of six months each; and

(c) the steps taken by the Central Government to protect these weaker sections against atrocities and action taken against the culprits, including the concerned authorities for failing to protect them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Statements (I-IX) showing category-wise incidents of crimes committed against scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and women during the current year for the available months and comparative figures for six months (January to June, 1993 and July to December, 1993) are attached as annexure [*See* Appendix V, Annexure 48]

During this period only 2 cases of disrobing/parading of women came to the notice of the Government one relates to the disrobing of Smt. Usha Rani w/o Shri